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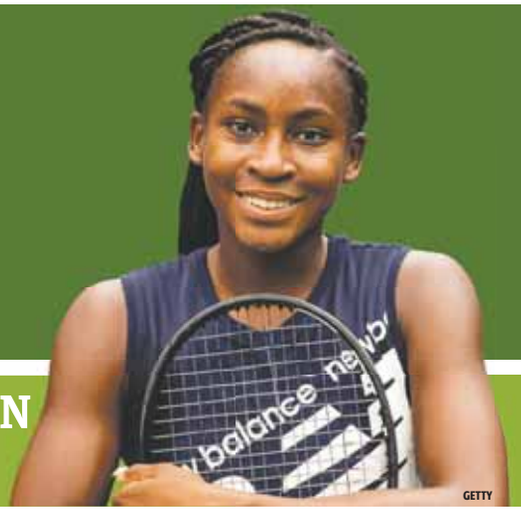
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4 THINGS TO KNOW

J&J liable for $572 million in Oklahoma opioid epidemic trial, shares rise on news

Landmark case is a bellwether for 2,000 other pending suits.

Judge Thad Balkman watches a video on the first day of a trial accusing Johnson & Johnson of engaging in deceptive marketing that contributed to the national opioid epidemic in Norman, Oklahoma. REUTERS

An Oklahoma judge on Monday found Johnson & Johnson liable for fueling an opioid epidemic in the state by deceptively marketing addictive painkillers, and ordered the drugmaker to pay $572.1 million.

The award was well below what some investors and analysts feared, in what had been a $17 billion lawsuit viewed as a bellwether for other litigation nationwide over the opioid epidemic.

"The expectation was this was going to be a $1.5 billion to $2 billion fine," said Jared Holz, healthcare strategist for Jefferies. "$572 million is a much lower number than had been feared."

J&J shares rose 5 percent in extended trading following the decision. Shares of other drugmakers that sell opioid pain treatments, including Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. and Endo International PLC, also rose after-hours.

Still, J&J said it would appeal, and seek to put payment of the award on hold during the appeal process.

"Janssen did not cause the opioid crisis in Oklahoma, and neither the facts nor the law support this outcome," Michael Ullmann, J&J's general counsel, said in a statement. Janssen Pharmaceuticals is the healthcare conglomerate's primary prescription drugs unit.

The decision by Judge Thad Balkman of Cleveland County District Court in Norman, Oklahoma, followed a seven-week, non-jury trial.

The case, brought by Oklahoma Attorney General Mike Hunter, was the first to go to trial out of thousands of lawsuits filed by state and local governments against opioid manufacturers and distributors.

Oklahoma alleged that J&J's marketing practices helped fuel the opioid epidemic by flooding the market with painkillers.

"Johnson & Johnson will finally be held accountable for thousands of deaths and addictions caused by their actions," Hunter said.

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> Mike Hunter, Oklahoma attorney general

Oklahoma sued J&J to help it address the epidemic for the next 30 years through addiction treatment and prevention programs.

"The opioid crisis is an imminent danger and menace to Oklahomans," Balkman said.

But in his written decision, the judge said the figure he awarded covered only one year, saying Oklahoma did not offer enough evidence of the time and costs to address the opioid crisis beyond that.

The trial came after Oklahoma had resolved claims against OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma LP in March for $270 million and against Teva in May for $85 million, leaving J&J as the lone defendant.

The litigation has been closely watched by plaintiffs in about 2,000 opioid lawsuits pending before a federal judge in Ohio who has been pushing for a settlement ahead of an October trial.

Some plaintiffs' lawyers have compared the opioid cases to litigation by states against the tobacco industry that led to a $246 billion settlement in 1998.

Opioids were involved in almost 400,000 overdose deaths from 1999 to 2017, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Since 2000, some 6,000 Oklahomans have died from opioid overdoses, according to the state's lawyers.

During the trial, lawyers for Oklahoma argued that J&J carried out a years-long marketing campaign that minimized the painkillers' addiction risks and promoted their benefits.

The state's lawyers called J&J an opioid "kingpin" and argued that its marketing efforts created a public nuisance as doctors over-prescribed the drugs, leading to a surge in overdose deaths in Oklahoma.

J&J has denied wrongdoing, saying its marketing claims had scientific support and that its painkillers, Duragesic and Nucynta, accounted for a fraction of opioids prescribed in Oklahoma.

The company also said in a statement that since 2008, its painkillers accounted for less than 1 percent of the U.S. market, including generics.

Lawyers for New Jersey-based J&J have said the case rested on a "radical" interpretation of the state's public nuisance law.

Ullmann, the J&J general counsel, in his statement faulted Oklahoma for attempting a "misapplication of public nuisance law" that judges in other states had already rejected.

J&J said it remains "open to viable options" to resolve the case scheduled for trial in October, including through settlement. REUTERS

Ginsburg makes first speech since latest cancer scare

2 Liberal U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg appeared alert and in good spirits on Monday as she made her first public appearance since completing a three-week course of radiation therapy to treat pancreatic cancer. The 86-year-old justice, who has had several previous cancer scares, was escorted onstage but at times stood unassisted as she was awarded an honorary the degree at the University at Buffalo of the State University of New York. The court announced on Friday that Ginsburg had undergone radiation therapy after a malignant tumor was identified following a biopsy performed on July 31 in New York. A court statement said the tumor was "treated definitively" and that there was no evidence of disease elsewhere in Ginsburg's body. As the oldest justice, she is closely watched for any signs of deteriorating health. REUTERS

Tennis trailblazer Gibson honored with statue at Open

3 A statue honoring African-American tennis trailblazer Althea Gibson was unveiled on the opening day of the U.S. Open on Monday. The granite monument sits outside Arthur Ashe Stadium at the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center. Gibson broke several color barriers in her career. In 1950, at 23 years old, she was the first African-American allowed to compete at the U.S. Nationals, the precursor to the U.S. Open. In 1956, she became the first black player to win the French Open and the following year the first to win Wimbledon and the U.S. Nationals. "She's the first African-American to break the color barrier in our sport," said onetime professional player and former U.S. Tennis Association (USTA) chairman and president, Katrina Adams. "By doing so, she made it possible for every person of color after to have a chance to achieve their goals in the sport." REUTERS

US to seek death penalty for accused synagogue shooter

4 U.S. prosecutors will seek the death penalty for Robert Bowers, the man accused of bursting into a Pittsburgh synagogue last year with a semi-automatic rifle and shooting 11 people to death, according to court papers filed on Monday. Bowers, 46, shouted "all Jews must die" as he fired on congregants gathered for a Sabbath service at the Tree of Life synagogue on Oct. 27, authorities said. Bowers has pleaded not guilty in U.S. District Court in Pittsburgh to a 63-count indictment. The charges he faces include using a firearm to commit murder and obstruction of free exercise of religious belief resulting in death. Also, he targeted vulnerable people, because some of his victims were elderly, and demonstrated a lack of remorse, federal prosecutors said in court papers. An attorney for Bowers, death penalty specialist Judith Clarke, did not immediately return a call seeking comment. REUTERS

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Toxic algae that can kill dogs found in New York City parks

Officials warn the green-blue blooms have invaded multiple bodies of water.

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Health officials are warning New Yorkers to steer clear of bodies of water in three city parks after samples tested positive for a toxic algae that could sicken humans and kill dogs.

The toxic green-blue algae was detected in Turtle Pond and Harlem Meer in Manhattan's Central Park, as well as the pond in Morningside Park and the Prospect Park Lake in Brooklyn, where the New York Department of Environmental Conservation discovered "dangerously high levels of toxins," according to NBC.

A sign warns of algae bloom in Central Park's Harlem Meer pond in Manhattan. GETTY IMAGES

The algae made headlines when it shut down swimming at several New Jersey lakes this summer. Earlier this year, a North Carolina woman lost her three dogs after a playdate in affected water, and another pup in Georgia suffered the same fate.

The blue-green algae is known formally as cyanobacteria. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it naturally occurs in bodies of water, but in warmer, nutrient-rich water, the bacteria reproduces and can cause a bloom.

According to the CDC, cyanobacteria produces toxins called cyanotoxins, which are what cause illness. The CDC also reported that there are no remedies to counteract the effects.

If a person or a pet gets ill from cyanobacteria, they likely would have ingested impacted waters without realizing it, or swam or did other recreational activities in water that contains cyanobacteria.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) says that humans affected can have, "allergic reactions such as skin rashes, eye irritations, respiratory symptoms, and in some cases gastroenteritis, liver and kidney failure or death."

Some symptoms pets can suffer are: "loss of appetite, loss of energy, vomiting, stumbling and falling, foaming at the mouth, diarrhea, convulsions, excessive drooling, tremors and seizures, or any other unexplained sickness after being in contact with water," according to the CDC.

The EPA states that symptoms can occur anywhere from 15 minutes after exposure to several days after.

If a person or pet comes in contact with affected water, they should be rinsed right away with soap and clean water. Anyone assisting in clean-up should wear gloves.

One challenge with cyanobacteria is that sometimes it's not visible above water, instead resting below the water's surface. When visible, the blooms can range in color; sometimes they are blue, green, brown or even red.

If you can't spot it, other telltale sings include slimy or foamy water, or mats or scum on the water's surface. Another warning sign is foul-smelling water.

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Film producer Harvey Weinstein arrives at New York Supreme Court for the arraignment in his sexual assault case on Monday in Manhattan. REUTERS

Harvey Weinstein pleads not guilty, rape trial delayed

Actress Annabella Sciorra will now testify at January trial.

Former Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein pleaded not guilty on Monday to a new indictment as his upcoming criminal trial was pushed back to January, in a case where prosecutors have accused him of rape and predatory sexual assault.

Weinstein, 67, entered his plea in a New York state court in Manhattan, where his trial was delayed by four months, to Jan. 6, 2020. He had faced a Sept. 9 trial date.

The new indictment accuses Weinstein of two counts of predatory sexual assault, stemming from alleged assaults against two women, in 2006 and 2013. Those charges are essentially the same as those in the previous indictment against Weinstein, and prosecutors moved Monday to consolidate the two cases.

However, the new indictment also comes with a disclosure that a third woman will be called to testify that Weinstein raped her in 1993 to bolster the prosecutors' case. Weinstein cannot be charged directly with raping that woman, actress Annabella Sciorra, because the statute of limitations has run out.

New York Supreme Court Justice James Burke, who is presiding over the case, had previously ruled that Sciorra could not testify because the grand jury that returned the earlier indictment had not heard any evidence about her alleged rape.

"I commend Annabella for her willingness to take the stand and answer questions under oath," Sciorra's lawyer, Gloria Allred, said in a statement on Monday.

Donna Rotunno, one of Weinstein's lawyers, said after the hearing that Weinstein would seek to dismiss the new indictment, calling the case "weak."

Once among Hollywood's most powerful producers, he has pleaded not guilty to five criminal charges in the earlier indictment, including rape and predatory sexual assault. He could face a life sentence if convicted.

The two women in the earlier indictment are among roughly 70 who have accused Weinstein of sexual misconduct dating back decades. Weinstein has denied the allegations and said any sexual encounters were consensual.

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Lawyers for Weinstein have asked that the trial be moved, perhaps to Suffolk County on Long Island or to Albany County upstate, because intense media scrutiny in New York City would make it impossible for him to get a fair trial there, according to a court filing. REUTERS

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DEA to expand marijuana research after years of delay

Federal opposition may be waning as more states legalize use.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration said on Monday that it will move ahead with a long-delayed expansion of its marijuana research program, in a sign that the Trump administration's hostility to the drug may be waning as a growing number of states have legalized its use.

The DEA said it would roll out new guidelines that would allow more growers to produce marijuana for scientific and medical research.

That could eventually lead to "safe and effective drug products that may be approved for marketing by the Food and Drug Administration," the agency said in a regulatory filing.

The DEA also said producers of hemp, an industrial form of marijuana that has little psychoactive effect, will not have to get a permit from the agency.

The announcement comes more than three years after the DEA first said in August 2016 that it would expand the number of licensed growers.

Only one producer at the University of Mississippi is currently licensed to produce marijuana. Researchers complain that the monopoly has limited the types of cannabis available for study, restricting their ability to learn about the more than 100 chemical compounds in the drug.

The DEA has yet to take action on the 33 applications it has received since then, as the Trump administration has threatened a crackdown on a drug that is now legal for recreational or medical use in 33 states and the District of Columbia.

Marijuana remains illegal under federal law, creating legal uncertainty and freezing many businesses out of the banking system.

Then-U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions told federal prosecutors in January 2018 that they could go after marijuana users and producers in states that had legalized the drug, reversing the hands-off position taken by the Obama administration.

The threat of prosecution has not slowed action at the state level, as eight states have approved marijuana for medical or recreational use since then.

The legal market is expected to reach $12.4 billion in the United States this year and nearly double in size by 2025, according to New Frontier Data.

The DEA says 542 people are now registered to conduct research on the drug, up 40 percent from January 2017, and the production quota has more than doubled over that period.

A wider variety of growers will give those researchers more opportunity, DEA Acting Administrator Uttam Dhillon said.

"We believe registering more growers will result in researchers having access to a wider variety for study," Dhillon said in a statement.

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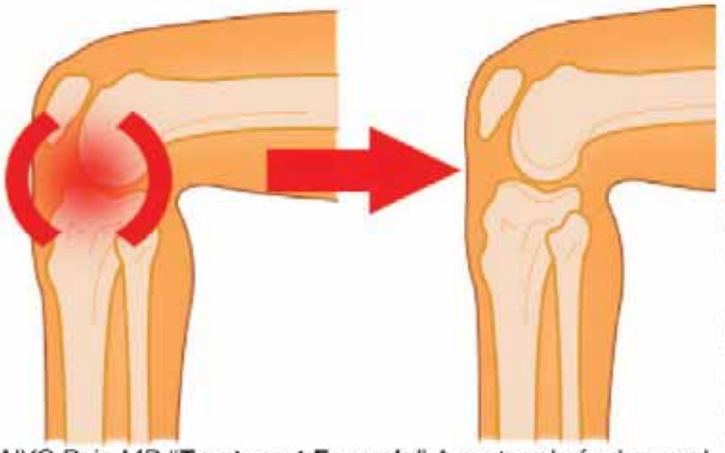

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An anti-extradition bill protester throws a Molotov cocktail as protesters clash with riot police. REUTERS IMAGES

Hong Kong warns of great danger after weekend of violence

First gunshot, arrest of 12-year-old as unrest enters Week 12.

Protesters attack police in Tsuen Wan, in the western New Territories. GETTY

Illegal violence is pushing Hong Kong to the brink of great danger, the city government said on Monday, after a weekend of clashes that included the first gunshot and the arrest of 86 people, the youngest just 12.

Police fired water cannon and volleys of tear gas in running battles with protesters who threw bricks and petrol bombs on Sunday, the second day of weekend clashes in the Chinese-ruled city.

Six officers drew their pistols and one officer fired a warning shot into the air, police said in a statement, adding that 215 rounds of tear gas and 74 rubber bullets were fired over the two days.

"The escalating illegal and violent acts of radical protesters are not only outrageous, they also push Hong Kong to the verge of a very dangerous situation," the government said in a statement.

The protests began in mid-June over a now-suspended extradition bill that would have allowed Hong Kong people to be sent to mainland China for trial.

But the demonstrations have evolved over 12 straight weeks into a broad demand for greater democracy in the financial hub that was promised a high degree of autonomy under a "one country, two systems" formula when it was handed to China by colonial ruler Britain in 1997.

More demonstrations are planned in the days and weeks ahead, including a rally at Hong Kong's Cathay Pacific Airways headquarters on Wednesday to protest against perceived "white terror," a term used to describe anonymous acts that create a climate of fear.

Cathay has emerged as the biggest corporate casualty of the protests after China demanded it suspend staff involved in, or who supported, the anti-government demonstrations that have plunged the city into its biggest crisis since 1997.

On Saturday, activists threw petrol bombs and bricks in the gritty industrial district of Kwun Tong, on the east of the Kowloon peninsula. Some protesters cut down "smart" lampposts equipped with surveillance cameras.

GRAVE CHALLENGE

The protests pose the gravest popular challenge to Chinese President Xi Jinping since he took power in 2012, with his government keen to quell the unrest ahead of the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China on Oct. 1.

Protesters again adopted cat-and-mouse tactics on Sunday evening, gathering then quickly dispersing, only to reappear in other places.

They also set up barricades to block some roads, following a largely peaceful rally earlier in the day.

Police said the 86 arrested people were aged 12 to 52, and they were suspected of offenses including unlawful assembly, possession of offensive weapons and assaulting police officers.

Twenty-one officers were injured in the violence, they said.

The weekend clashes marked a return to violent unrest after days of calmer demonstrations.

The protests have occasionally caused serious disruption including forcing the closure of the airport. REUTERS

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Like all real medical procedures... results vary for individual patients. No good and ethical doctor would guarantee any exact results for any procedure... that's just not how things work and it would be less than honest.

That's being said, it is not uncommon for patients to get complete, if not significant relief of their pain shortly after the treatment.

How Long Do The Results Last?

This procedure "blocks" the nerves pain signals... it does not destroy them. Therefore, the results are safe but not completely permanent. But, many patients get relief for 6 months… 12 months…. 18 months for some and some even longer. The great news is - another procedure can be safely preformed for more relief if necessary.

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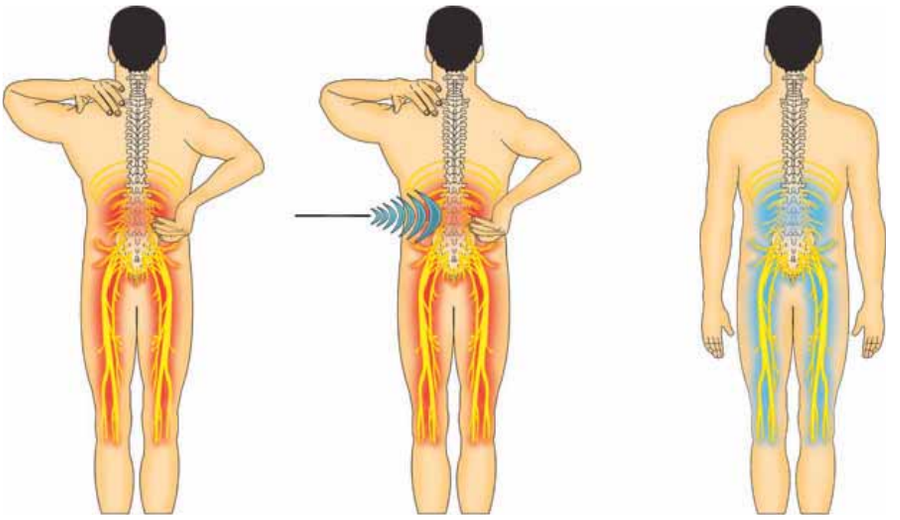

Science rescues back & neck pain sufferers?: Radio Frequency Waves are used to block the nerve supply to the painful area and may alleviate pain and restore function to many.

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What millennials get wrong about Social Security

NerdWallet is a personal finance website.

Few issues unite millennials like the future of Social Security. Overwhelmingly, they're convinced it doesn't have one.

A recent Transamerica survey found that 80 percent of millennials, defined in the survey as people born between 1979 and 2000, worry that Social Security won't be around when they need it. That's not surprising — for years, they've heard that Social Security is about to "run out of money."

The language doesn't match the reality. Social Security benefits come from two sources: taxes collected from current workers' paychecks and a trust fund of specially issued U.S. Treasury securities. This trust fund is scheduled to be depleted in 2034, but the system will still collect hundreds of billions in payroll taxes and send out hundreds of billions in benefit checks. If Congress doesn't intervene, the system can still pay 77 percent of projected benefits.

In any case, chances are good Congress will intervene, as it did in 1977 and 1983, to strengthen Social Security's finances. Social Security is an enormously popular program with bipartisan support and influential lobbies, including the immensely powerful AARP, looking out for it.

Still, millennials who believe Social Security won't be there for them could make bad choices about their retirement savings. The worst outcome would be if they didn't save at all, convinced retirement was hopeless. But any of the following myths could cause problems.

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"I can save enough to retire even without Social Security" Good luck with that.

Currently, the average Social Security benefit is just under $1,500 a month. You would need to save $400,000 to generate a similar amount. (That's assuming you use the financial planners' "4 percent rule," which recommends taking no more than 4 percent of the portfolio in the first year of retirement and adjusting it for inflation after that.)

And that may be underestimating the value of Social Security. The Urban Institute estimates that many average-income single adults retiring between 2015 and 2020 will receive about $500,000 in benefits from the system while couples will receive roughly $1 million. Millennials, meanwhile, are projected to receive twice as much: about $1 million for an average-income single adult and $2 million for a couple.

Trying to save enough to replace 100 percent of your expected Social Security benefit might well be impossible, and could cause you to stint on other important goals such as saving for a child's education or even having a little fun once in a while. A more realistic yet still cautious approach would be to assume you'll get 70 percent to 80 percent of what your Social Security statement projects, says Bill Meyer, founder of Social Security Solutions, a software tool for Social Security claiming strategies.

"I can ignore my Social Security account" Your future Social Security check will be based on your 35 highest-earning years. To get what you're owed, however, your earnings need to be reported accurately and that doesn't always happen. Employers may not report the correct information to Social Security, or may not report your earnings at all. You can correct those errors if you catch them in time. Fixes could be difficult decades from now, when the employer may have gone out of business and needed documents may be unavailable.

"If it's still around, I should grab it as soon as possible" Millions of Americans make this mistake every year, locking in permanently reduced payments and potentially costing themselves up to $250,000 in lost benefits by claiming too early. But Congress is highly unlikely to cut benefits for those in retirement or close to retirement age, Meyer notes.

Instead, there likely will continue to be incentives for delaying your Social Security claim. Currently, benefits increase by about 7 percent to 8 percent for each year you wait to apply after age 62 until benefits max out at 70.

Working an additional few years also can compensate for low- or no-earning years earlier in millennials' careers, when incomes may have been depressed by recession or gig-to-gig work. **LIZ WESTON**

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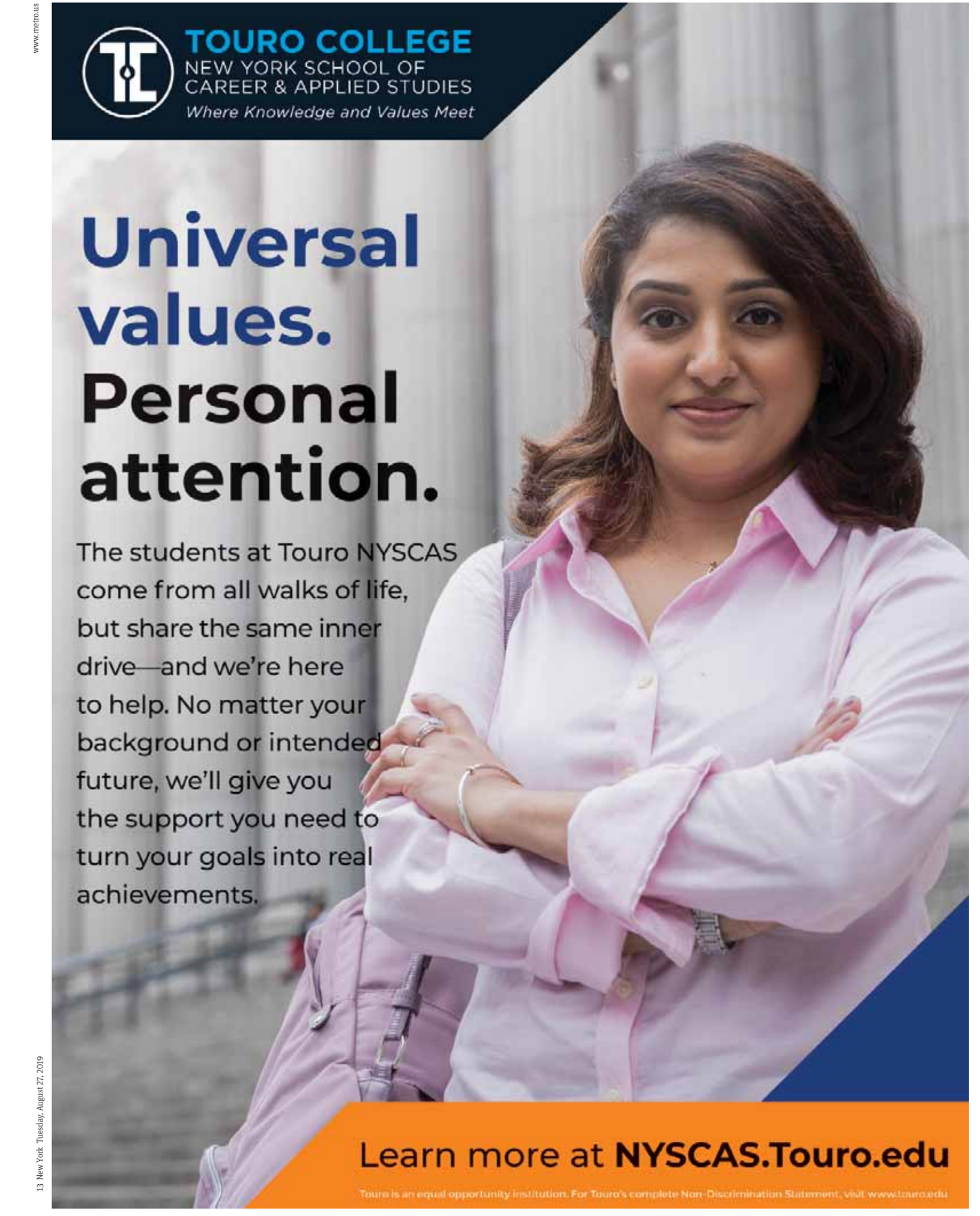

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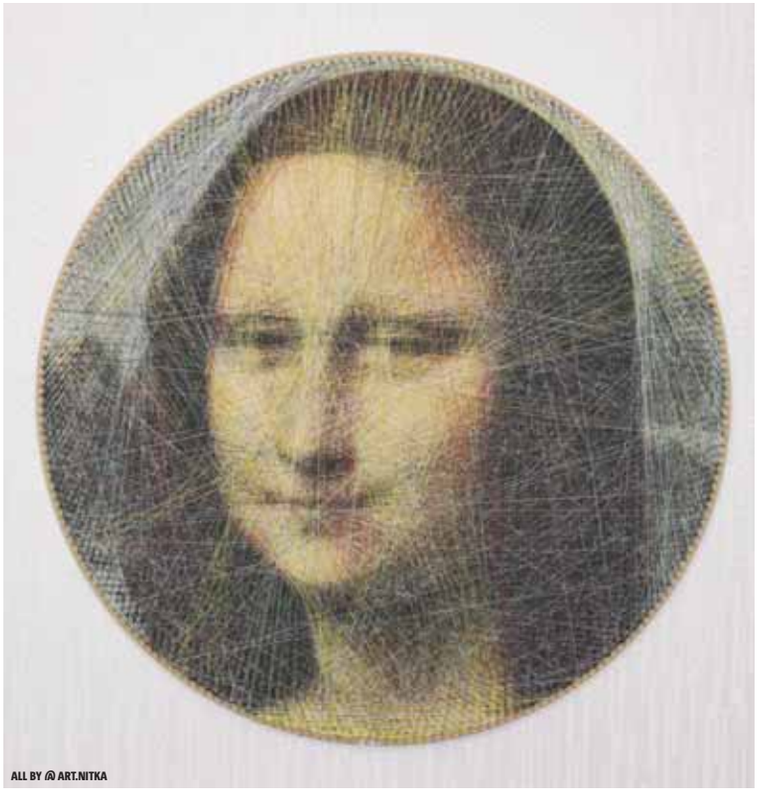

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Gemini Pick and choose wisely. Not everyone is on your team, regardless of what you are led to believe. For best results, do things your way.

Cancer Believe in the possibilities. If you dare to dream, you'll come up with a plan that could be quite successful. Personal gains, self-improvement and love are on the rise.

Leo You may be tempted to make a move or change, but before you do so, consider the ramifications. Time is on your side. Focus on networking and gathering information. Slow down.

Virgo Your contributions to your community will make you stand out. You'll gain respect for your honesty and integrity. Do what you can and be proud of what you do.

Libra Don't let anyone limit what you can do. Look at the big picture and make adjustments that will encourage success. If you can make do with less, it's in your best interest.

Scorpio A change is heading your way. Get ready to take a chance, and try using your skills and experience to reach new levels. You can grow emotionally and spiritually.

Sagittarius Consider who you are dealing with before you enter into a competition or decide to form a partnership. A lack of honesty or integrity may disrupt your plans.

Capricorn It's up to you to make things happen. Don't sit around waiting for someone else to do things for you. If you take charge, you'll gain respect and the support you need.

Aquarius Consider what you have been doing and what you wish you were doing. Find the middle ground and inch your way toward your goal. Success takes time, so don't lose sight of your dream.

Pisces Be willing to give a little if you want to get something in return. There is money to be made if you invest in something that you have control over.

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The flavorful *Flays*

FOOD NETWORK

Sophie Flay gives Metro the scoop on her new show with dad Bobby, "The Flay List."

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Many foodies and culinary fans know who Bobby Flay is, and you may even know a bit about his family as well. But with the acclaimed chef's latest show, "The Flay List," you will get to see a side of Flay that you wouldn't normally.

Chef Flay has teamed up with his daughter Sophie, and the food-friendly family duo is showcasing some of New York City's best restaurants every week with their new project. Sophie Flay sat down with Metro to give the scoop on working with her dad and how she hand-picked some of the eateries on "The Flay List."

Where did the idea for "The Flay List" come from?

I do have to give credit to my dad, the idea for this show was definitely his. But we've always kind of thought about trying to do something [together]. I've appeared as a guest on some of his shows, but we've never really worked on a project side by side. I've never really wanted to be in food or be a chef, but I think he was hoping that one day I would want to do something surrounding food because it is such a big part of our lives together. So about a year ago, he came up with this idea to showcase some of the great restaurants in New York City, and luckily I was included in that idea.

How did you pick the eateries that you showcase in the show?

Well, I'm always doing research but these are spots that I had already loved, and it helped once we narrowed down the dish that we were going to focus on for each episode. I wanted to show something very different than what my dad shows because his takes are classic New York restaurants that I've been going to my whole life, so when I would hear the words "tacos" or "fried chicken," I would immediately think of these childhood spots where I remember him bringing me. So I really made sure to put in work to choose places that obviously have amazing flavors and were places that I loved, but definitely had a different vibe from the places I knew he was going to choose.

Was it hard narrowing down these spots?

It definitely varied, because of course there are so many amazing places to eat in New York City. It took a little time. I mean, fried chicken means so many different things now. You have Nashville fried chicken or Korean fried chicken ... there are so many different choices so it was definitely hard but I'm happy with what I chose.

Are there any episodes that stick out to you as memorable?

The burger episode at J.G Melon really sticks out to me because I had grown up going there my whole life and we have a lot of family ties with the owners. I go there all of the time, no matter what, but being back there brought back all of these memories. It was special and it took me by surprise. That [episode] definitely stuck out to me in that regard.

What would you say was the best part about working on this project with your dad?

We've never done anything this big together, and to not only have created these memories but to have them for life is special. We will always have a copy of these episodes and we'll be able to look back on them. We sort of have a log showcasing all of our favorite spots in New York City now. So it's incredibly special.

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Would you ever want to do a show like this again?

You know, I'm a local news reporter in L.A. for ABC 7, so I am very much on an early career path to be a reporter — that's what I want to do. But it's really fun to have this opportunity with my dad, it's so unique. If people wanted us to do another season it would absolutely be a ton of fun, but for now, I'm definitely going to stick to my journalism career.

Overall, what would you tell audiences to expect from "The Flay List"?

I think my dad described it perfectly. It's really his kind of love story to New York and we are able to showcase some of these amazing places that have been here for decades with a young twist. Anyone who's close with a parent or has a close father-daughter relationship can relate to this. My dad is so well-known for doing all of these shows and being an incredible chef, but he's also an incredible dad. I think that this is a side that not everyone has seen of him because we've never really done that much together. So you can definitely expect some very classic and playful scenes of my dad and I and see parts of our relationship that make it really special.

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Soulfrito Fest 2019 takes over Barclays Center this Friday

We spoke with Adam Torres, the festival's promoter, on why this festival will only get bigger each year.

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Labels in music can be as arbitrary as what foods you can eat during the different meals of the day. Who says that you can't have a burger for breakfast? Just crack an egg on it and go on with your business. The same goes for pop music. Who made the rules that American popular music has to blend in with a certain trend or, more specifically, has to cater directly to English-speaking listeners?

This Friday, Brooklyn's Barclays Center will be opening its doors to the Soulfrito Music Fest 2019 featuring some of the world's most popular artists, most of whom perform the majority of their material in Spanish. The festival is the first of its kind geared specifically toward the Urban Latino youth culture with such popular performers as Ozuna, A Boogie, Farruko, Gunna, Jeremih, Arcangel, El Alfa, Duki and many more.

The festival's promoter, Adam Torres, believes that the popularity of these artists and the large venue that Soulfrito has this year are a testament to how big the audience for this music has become.

"The same person who is listening to Drake is listening to Bad Bunny," Torres told me over the phone. "It's becoming a little more understood that there is no difference between the two. If they don't know, this will wind up putting an emphasis on that fact… the tastes are one and the same."

Torres is absolutely correct, as artists like Bad Bunny and this year's headliner, Ozuna, are in the upper echelon of played artists on streaming platforms like Spotify, snagging tens of millions of plays per month. With those numbers, it's hard to argue that the Urban Latino movement is anything but a part of mainstream pop culture. So where will the festival go from here?

"I definitely see this expanding," says Torres regarding the festival's future. " Basically, we're just getting started here in terms of encompassing a movement and a culture in terms of what the youth is interested in, in all facets."

Torres is adamant that this "youth movement" is one that should not be ignored by the culture at large. As he sees it, this is only a sign of what is to come.

"Honestly, politicians should take note," Torres says frankly. "Look what's going on in the biggest market in the United States for concerts, in my opinion. This is no different than what's happening in any secondary market. The same thing could take place in Loredo, Texas, or could take place in El Paso. These border towns, it doesn't matter. These are the kids that we are talking about. This is what we are talking about. They are very interested in American-izing music. They're very tuned in. I think that says something."

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A 'RUM-OLUTION' IS COMING

Rum has been one of my go-to drinks for years. In fact, the first time I got drunk, rum was heavily involved, and the spirit has never done me wrong (except for one time.) A recent study by Bloomberg.com shows that an increased interest in rum — a "rumolution," as they call it — could be coming.

There's no name more synonymous with rum then Bacardi. I spoke with Marlo Gamora, a well-known NYC mixologist and Bacardi Limited Brand ambassador for Santa Teresa 1796 rum, all about the "rumolution."

"In the past decade or so, we've seen consumers become more interested in rum with character," Gamora told me. "Rum is now being purchased in a similar way to tequila, scotch, whiskey and other premium spirits — people are paying attention to the diversity of flavor profile and quality of the product they are consuming, and buying the spirit for more than just the tropical-themed party they're planning."

He added, "What the numbers indicate is that rum sippers are displaying the same patterns that've been seen in bourbon, tequila and vodka drinkers: a shift toward desire for quality products for the top of their liquor shelves, to be enjoyed with friends and family on special occasions or everyday ones."

If you are looking to broaden your rum palate like I am, Gamora suggests trying something a little more complex, like Bacardi's Santa Teresa 1796.

A bottle of Santa Teresa 1796 rum. **PROVIDED**

"Santa Teresa 1796 is drier, and more reminiscent of a scotch or a whiskey than your typical tropical rum. Its flavor profile contains notes of tobacco, leather and molasses, which means it pairs particularly well with dark chocolate or red meat at a meal."

There are so many rums on the market, so I was curious as to what exactly makes Santa Teresa 1796 so unique and such a must-try drink. The No. 1 thing I learned was that the process to age this rum is totally different from other rums on the market. They use something called the Solera method, which basically means that the spirit has a mixture of variously aged rums.

If a Santa Teresa 1796 neat is a little much for you at first, don't worry. Gamora wants you to know that, "It takes a little while to find out what your specific palate preferences are and how you like your rum — sipped straight or mixed into a cocktail."

If you prefer rum in cocktails (like I do), he suggests trying a blended rum, like Banks. If you prefer something very clean, he suggests tasting Havana Club, and if you love robust flavor profiles like whiskey, try Santa Teresa 1796 or Bacardi Ocho.

With fall quickly approaching, you can expect to see rum everywhere from folks sipping it straight to being mixed with coffee products, hot buttered rum and more, according to Gamora.

It's time to get sipping and join the rumolution.

Nimmo's return will give Mets options

The young outfielder has been out since May.

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The Mets are on the verge of bringing one of their more promising young hitters back into the fold.

Outfielder Brandon Nimmo's rehab assignment continues to move in the right direction as he works his way back from a bulging cervical disc in a nerve in his neck.

The 26-year-old has been out since May, though there were hints that something wasn't right even when he was playing.

In just 43 games this season, Nimmo looked like a shell of himself at the plate. He batted just .200 with a .344 on-base percentage and an alarming 48 strikeouts.

It was a swift drop-off from a coming-out campaign in 2018 when he ranked second in the National League in on-base percentage (.400), fifth in offensive WAR (5.1), and 10th in WAR by position players (4.4).

Nearing full health, there seems to be a glimpse of the old Nimmo during his rehabilitation assignment down in the minors.

Currently, with Triple-A Syracuse, Nimmo went 3-for-4 with a pair of doubles and two RBI on Sunday in what was his best performance of the season to date.

His impending arrival to the Mets couldn't come at a much better time, either, as the team is struggling with its outfield and offensive depth.

Nimmo's absence for most of the season has forced the Mets to slot out-of-position players into the corner outfield spots. It became commonplace in 2019 to see the likes of Jeff McNeil, JD Davis and Dominic Smith — all infielders — playing in left or right field depending on where Michael Conforto was playing.

Brandon Nimmo has been out since May because of a neck injury. GETTY IMAGES

Without Nimmo, the Mets were also forced to play Juan Lagares more often than usual. While he's a gifted defensive center fielder, Lagares' bat has been a liability throughout most of his career.

The depth behind him was even worse as recently DFA'd Aaron Altherr, who batted .129, was getting some big at-bats this summer.

As soon as Nimmo can get back, he could take over in center field while Conforto can return to his normal spot in right field, full-time.

McNeil can become the Mets' everyday left fielder for the rest of the season while Joe Panik will take over at second base down the stretch.

Acquired off waivers from the San Francisco Giants, Panik has batted .292 in 15 games with the Mets.

Davis, who has developed into one of the Mets' best hitters, could move back to his natural position at third base. That way, the slumping Todd Frazier can become more of a utility player or big bat to come off the bench.

The 33-year-old has simply not been good enough for an extended period now. Since June 29 (47 games), Frazier is batting .194 with six home runs, 19 RBI, 50 strikeouts.

Coco Gauff ready to take US Open by storm?

Former U.S. Open champ Andy Roddick says, limit your expectations.

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Everywhere Andy Roddick went in New York in the days leading up to the U.S. Open, people wanted to talk to him about one tennis player.

And it wasn't Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal or Serena Williams.

It was 15-year-old sensation Coco Gauff, who will make her U.S. Open main-draw debut at 3 p.m. on Tuesday in Louis Armstrong Stadium against Anastasia Potapova of Russia.

Still, when Roddick passed Gauff the other day at the Open, even he was too overwhelmed to say hello.

"I walked past her over here and I was starstruck, I couldn't say hello," said Roddick, who won the 2003 U.S. Open a year before Gauff was born.

Thousands of tennis fans in New York will get to say hello to Gauff this week as she debuts in singles and doubles at the Open after making a magical run to the fourth round of Wimbledon. Gauff was given wild cards into both the singles and doubles draws, where she will play with fellow teenager Caty McNally.

Gauff is coming off an impressive victory over world No. 2 Ash Barty, the French Open champion, in an exhibition last week in North Carolina.

At Wimbledon, she stunned Venus Williams in the first round before falling to eventual champion Simona Halep in the quarterfinals.

Gauff could meet another Grand Slam champion, defending U.S. Open champ Naomi Osaka, in the third round in New York.

Coco Gauff's matches will be a hot ticket at the 2019 US Open. GETTY IMAGES

Still, American tennis has seen teenage sensations rise and fall before, and Roddick cautions fans to be patient with Gauff.

"I personally don't want to see her on Arthur Ashe Stadium the first night of the tournament in front of 25,000 people," he said. "Two months ago, the average person didn't know who she was and now she's hanging out with Michelle Obama. She's going to be a star and I really believe in the hype around her ability.

"I hope everyone's patient. I know we always want the next one, but she'll get there. It's going to seem like an eternity until she's 17. She has plenty of time. She's going to be a star for a long time so I hope the powers that be treat that with a little sensitivity."

Roddick watched Gauff against Venus Williams at Wimbledon and was struck by her serve and her movement.

"When you're 15, the two things that are guaranteed to get better are movement and serve, whether that's speed, spin, placement," he said. "It's just a shot that's going to be better at 21 than it is at 15. She's already serving 115, 118 (mph) and she's on the shortlist of best servers in the game."

Gauff's parents, Corey and Candi Gauff, are both former athletes, who are guiding their daughter's career. Corey played college basketball at Georgia State and Candi was a track and field star at Florida State.

Tennis — especially women's tennis — is filled with cautionary tales (see: Jennifer Capriati and Jelena Dokic).

Corey, who serves as Coco's coach, has been studying those story lines since his daughter was six or seven years old.

"I went through everybody I thought was relevant, that won Grand Slams and were good young," he told Chris Clarey of The New York Times. "I studied and studied to prepare myself to make sure if she was able to meet, these goals that we'd be able to help the right way."

The elder Gauff said he was focused on preventing injury, and also paying attention to how many matches and tournaments his daughter plays. Due to her age, Gauff faces a WTA-imposed limit on the number of tournaments she can play.

"She seems to have a great group of people around her," Roddick said. "I think she needs to look inward and not outward. Everyone's going to have an opinion. There's going to be a lot of new faces ... I would like to see her team become even tighter.

"If she loses first round of the U.S. Open, she's still the same prospect that she is today. It's a setback, she'll get there, ignore the noise."

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COUNTY OF NEW YORK

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Plaintiff,

Index No. 655202/2018

v.

Date Index Purchased: October 19, 2019

CC ENGLISH, INC.; and KOT MAN CHENG, Defendants.

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TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:

Kot Man Cheng, 34 Monroe Street, Suite CA9, New York, NY 10002

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NOTICE: This civil action has been pending since October 19, 2018, when Plaintiff filed its Summons and Verified Complaint ("Summons and Complaint") against defendants, Kot Man Cheng ("Guarantor") and CC English, Inc. ("Borrower") (Guarantor and Borrower are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Obligors") seeking a joint and several Judgment against the Obligors for defaulting on the Note as more fully set forth in the summons and Complaint. In the event of default by the Guarantor, Plaintiff will obtain a judgment for the principal amount of $41,996.07 plus interest, late fees, appraisal and inspection fees and reasonable legal fees and costs all in accordance with the Loan Documents and more fully set forth in the Complaint.

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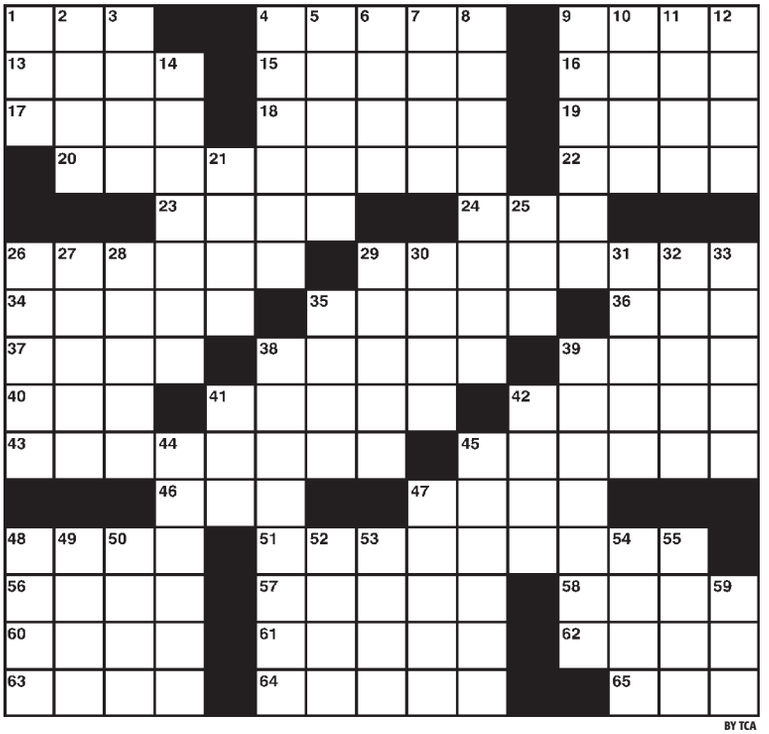

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